

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) **Group Art Unit: 3733**
David L. Brock et al.) **Confirmation No.: 9975**
Serial No.: 10/010,150) **Examiner: Philogene, Pedro**
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For: FLEXIBLE INSTRUMENT)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend to August 24, 2006 the period for filing a reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2006, and our Response filed June 26, 2006, in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fees are as follows:

		<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00	\$225.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020.00	\$510.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590.00	\$795.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160.00	\$1080.00	

x Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1105.

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on the date shown below via the USPTO EFS-Web filing system.

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